

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee recessed subject to the call.

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 90 public bills, H.R. 3441–3524; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 114–115; H. Con. Res. 74; and H. Res. 479, 482–484, were introduced. **Pages H6514–17**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6520–21**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 480, providing for consideration of the bill (S. 114) to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit an annual report regarding performance awards and bonuses awarded to certain high-level employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs (H. Rept. 115–262); and

H. Res. 481, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3180) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules; and providing for proceedings during the period from July 31, 2017, through September 4, 2017 (H. Rept. 115–263). **Pages H6513–14**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Gaetz to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6469**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:08 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H6476**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Dr. George Dillard, Peachtree Christian Church, Peachtree City, Georgia. **Page H6476**

Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2018: The House passed H.R. 3219, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 435. Consideration began yesterday, July 26th. **Pages H6480–H6512**

Rejected the Roybal-Allard motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 193 yeas to 234 noes, Roll No. 434. **Pages H6510–11**

Agreed to:

Granger en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–261: Jackson Lee (No. 1) that allocates \$2 million to provide the Secretary of Defense the flexibility needed for technical assistance by U.S. military women to military women in other countries combating violence as a weapon of war, terrorism, human trafficking, narcotics trafficking; Bridenstine (No. 2) that increases Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force, by \$5 million in order to continue funding for a commercial weather data pilot program; reduces Operation and Maintenance, Army, by the same amount; Lowenthal (No. 3) that increases the STARBASE fifth grade youth STEM education program found in Operations and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, Civil Military Programs by \$5 million, and to reduce Operations and Maintenance, Army, Other Servicewide Activities by the offsetting amount; Collins (NY) (No. 4) that increases Air Force RDT&E funding to support qualification testing for next generation strategically radiation hardened microelectronic processors by reducing the Operation and Maintenance, Army account; Mast (No. 5) that increases Navy RTD&E funds for Cost-Effective Management of Environmental Regulatory Requirements to FY17 appropriated level; Shea-Porter (No. 6) that provides Department of Defense funding for a health impact study on perfluorinated chemicals, such as PFOA/PFOS, which were used by the military and have contaminated drinking water sources on and near military bases across the country; Meehan (No. 7) that decreases the Operation and Maintenance, Defense Wide account and increases the Environmental Restoration, Defense-Wide by \$10 million to allocate funds for the Secretary of Defense to enter into inter-governmental agreements to provide health screenings in communities near formerly used defense sites that have been exposed to

perfluorooctanesulfonic acid and perfluorooctanoic acid; Lance (No. 9) that allocates \$100,000 in Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide for the purposes of creating a commendation program for military working dogs and their handlers; Napolitano (No. 11) that ensures that funding for the National Guard Youth Challenge Program and STARBASE is \$194,897 million (\$169,897 million for Youth Challenge and \$25 million for STARBASE); Gallagher (No. 14) that shifts \$26.2M from defense-wide operation and maintenance to support MK-48 torpedo procurement; Hunter (No. 15) that increases funding for the Marine Corps Procurement by \$20M, offset by a \$20 million reduction to the O and M, Defense-Wide account to support installation of broadband Satellite communications tech for the Marine Corps MV-22s, under the NOTM-Airborne program; Rosen (No. 16) that increases funding for Army missile technology by \$6,000,000, offset by an equal decrease in Defense-wide operations and maintenance; Wilson (SC) (No. 17) that increases funding for the medical technology account within the Department of Defense; Shuster (No. 18) that provides \$20 million to support Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) derived technology for undersea warfare, offset with commensurate funds from the Operation and Maintenance Account, Defense-Wide; Soto (No. 19) that increases funding for Gulf War illness research under the Defense Health Program by \$1 million; Soto (No. 20) that increases funding for prostate cancer research under the Defense Health Program by \$10 million; McGovern (No. 21) that increases funding for a program to award competitive grants to nonprofit organizations to assist such organizations in the planning, designing, establishing, or operating of programs to provide service dogs to covered members and veterans; Nolan (No. 22) that provides an additional \$2 million for the Department of Defense's Lung Cancer Research Program and decreases the Operation and Maintenance, Defense-wide account by the same amount; Delaney (No. 23) that provides for an additional \$5 million for the Fisher House Foundation which is offset by an outlay neutral reduction in the Operation and Maintenance, Defense-wide account; Knight (No. 24) that adds \$16 million to Aircraft Procurement, Air Force account; Jackson Lee (No. 25) that reduces funding for Procurement, Defense-Wide, by \$10 million and increases funding for Defense Health Programs by a similar amount in order to address breast cancer research; Cheney (No. 26) that Ensures the Secretary is able to use restoration funds for missile defense requirements resulting from urgent or emergent operational needs; Paulsen (No. 28) that increases funding for Army Research, Development, Testing and Evaluation to assist the Army in quali-

fying new medium caliber ammunition rounds; Emmer (No. 29) that allocates an increase of \$5 million to Army RDT&E Environmental Quality and Technology for explosive Ordnance Disposal in cooperation with the Navy for the additional targeted research to demonstrate technology capable of both remotely defeating mines threatening our Naval forces, and remotely demilitarizing underwater munitions without damaging critical habitat; Garamendi (No. 32) that provides \$10 million for the purposes of carrying out a GPS backup technology demonstration; Langevin (No. 33) that supports the Missile Defense Agency's R&D efforts for directed energy solutions for boost phase missile defense; Brown (MD) (No. 34) that seeks a funding increase of \$4.135 million to Historically Black Colleges and Universities/Minority Institutions with a corresponding decrease of the same amount to Advanced Innovative Analysis and Concepts, in the Research, Development, Test & Eval, Defense-Wide section; Courtney (No. 36) that amends Section 8010 to provide multiyear authority for up to 13 Virginia class submarines; Palazzo (No. 37) that strikes the limitation on a DDG-51 multi-year procurement authority of "up to 10"; Welch (No. 40) that prohibits funds from being used to procure additional uniforms for the Afghan National Army; Delaney (No. 44) that prohibits funds from being used for the closure of a BSL4 laboratory; Conyers (No. 46) that states none of the funds made available by this Act may be used to provide arms, training, or other assistance to the Azov Battalion; Speier (No. 49) that increases the Sexual Assault Special Victims' Counsel Program by \$10 million; Jackson Lee (No. 50) that reduces funding for Operations and Maintenance-Defense Wide, by \$6.25 million and increases funding for Defense Health Care for PTSD by \$5 million; Langevin (No. 52) that supports the next phase of electromagnetic railgun development to bring the system closer to successful installation within the fleet; Nolan (No. 53) that provides an additional \$6 million for the Army, Research, Development Test and Evaluation account to support the United States Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center and decreases the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund by \$12 million; and Raskin (No. 54) that increases funding for the Peer Reviewed Cancer Research Program by \$10 million, offset by a \$10 million decrease to Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide;

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Langevin amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115-261) that supports the reinvigoration of the DOD Cyber Scholarship Program; Page H6496

Grothman amendment (No. 13 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115-261) that reduces the Operation

and Maintenance, Defense-wide account by \$30 million and increase the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle account by \$30 million; **Page H6499**

Dunn amendment (No. 31 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–261) that reduces the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force account by \$30 million and increases the Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force to accelerate deployment of Air Force Major Range Test Facility Base (MRTFB) open-air range capabilities in the Eastern Gulf; **Pages H6499–H6500**

DeSantis amendment (No. 47 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–261) that prohibits funds from being used to purchase heavy water from Iran (agreed by unanimous consent to withdraw the earlier request for a recorded vote to the end that the Chair put the question de novo); **Pages H6505–07**

Suozzi amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–261) that sought to increase Environmental Restoration, Navy funding by \$34,734,000 and decreases Operations and Maintenance, Defense-Wide by \$34,734,000 (by a recorded vote of 214 ayes to 211 noes, Roll No. 430);

Pages H6497–98, H6507

Brendan F. Boyle (PA) amendment (No. 12 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–261) that increases by \$30 million each the Navy Environmental Restoration Account and the Air Force Environmental Restoration Account for the purpose of remediating perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) drinking water contamination and outreach and engagement with local communities with impacted drinking water systems (by a recorded vote of 256 ayes to 169 noes, Roll No. 431); and **Pages H6498–99, H6507–08**

Cartwright amendment (No. 43 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–261) that prohibits the use of funds be used to plan for, begin, continue, complete, process, or approve a public-private competition to determine whether Federal civilian jobs should be outsourced (by a recorded vote of 253 ayes to 172 noes, Roll No. 433). **Pages H6503–04, H6509**

Rejected:

Blackburn amendment (No. 62 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that was debated on July 26th that sought to provide for a one percent across the board cut to the discretionary spending levels in Division D of the bill (by a recorded vote of 140 ayes to 285 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 428); **Pages H6491–92**

Perry amendment (No. 63 printed in H. Rept. 115–259) that was debated on July 26th that sought to prohibit the use of funds to implement or enforce the final rule published by the Secretary of Energy entitled “Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps”

(by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 248 noes, Roll No. 429); **Page H6492**

Speier amendment (No. 35 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–261) that sought to specify that \$25 million appropriated for Defense Health Program research, development, test and evaluation may be used to award grants to medical researchers and universities to support research into early detection of chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE); **Pages H6500–01**

Foster amendment (No. 42 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–261) that sought to prohibit the use of funds to develop a space-based ballistic missile intercept layer; **Pages H6502–03**

Davidson amendment (No. 45 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–261) that sought to prohibit use of funds with respect to military action in Yemen to the extent that such action is inconsistent with the War Powers Resolution; and **Pages H6504–05**

Nadler amendment (No. 38 printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–261) that sought to strike sections 8094 and 8095 relating to the release or transfer of detainees currently held at Guantanamo Bay to secure facilities in the United States and allows for funding to construct, acquire, or modify domestic facilities to host these relocated detainees (by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 252 noes, Roll No. 432). **Pages H6501–02, H6508–09**

H. Res. 478, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3219) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 230 ayes to 196 noes, Roll No. 427, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 426. **Pages H6490–91**

Wounded Officers Recovery Act of 2017: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 3298, to authorize the Capitol Police Board to make payments from the United States Capitol Police Memorial Fund to employees of the United States Capitol Police who have sustained serious line-of-duty injuries. **Page H6512**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:26 p.m. and reconvened at 6:16 p.m. **Page H6513**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6491.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6490–91, H6491–92, H6492, H6507, H6507–08, H6508–09, H6509, H6510–11, and H6511–12. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CONTINUED OVERSIGHT OF THE TRANSFER OF EXCESS MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO CIVILIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled “Continued Oversight of the Transfer of Excess Military Equipment to Civilian Law Enforcement Agencies”. Testimony was heard from Mike Cannon, Disposition Services, Defense Logistics Agency; Wayne McElrath, Director, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office; Zina Merritt, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office; and Mike Scott, Deputy Director, Logistics Operations, Defense Logistics Agency.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 767, the “SOAR to Health and Wellness Act of 2017”; H.R. 772, the “Common Sense Nutrition Disclosure Act of 2017”; H.R. 880, the “MISSION ZERO Act”; H.R. 931, the “Firefighter Cancer Registry Act of 2017”; H.R. 2422, the “Action for Dental Health Act of 2017”; H.R. 3387, the “Drinking Water System Improvement Act”; and H.R. 3388, the “Designating Each Car’s Automation Level Act”. H.R. 767, H.R. 772, H.R. 880, H.R. 931, H.R. 2422, H.R. 3387, and H.R. 3388 were ordered reported, as amended.

THE ANNUAL TESTIMONY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY ON THE STATE OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Annual Testimony of the Secretary of the Treasury on the State of the International Financial System”. Testimony was heard from Steven Mnuchin, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 259, expressing concern and condemnation over the political, economic, social, and humanitarian crisis in Venezuela; H. Res. 311, recognizing that for 50 years the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) has worked toward stability, prosperity, and peace in Southeast Asia; H.R. 2061, the “North Korean Human Rights Reauthorization Act of 2017”; H.R. 2408, the “Protecting Girls’ Access to Education in Vulnerable Settings Act”; H. Res. 128, supporting respect for human rights and encouraging inclusive governance in Ethi-

opia; H. Res. 357, reaffirming the strategic partnership between the United States and Canada, recognizing bilateral cooperation that advances United States national interests, and urging increased bilateral cooperation on security, economic issues, and energy, and for other purposes; H. Res. 359, urging the European Union to designate Hizballah in its entirety as a terrorist organization and increase pressure on it and its members; H. Res. 449, urging the Government of Kenya and Kenya’s political parties to respect democratic principles and hold credible, peaceful, and transparent elections in August 2017; and H.R. 1918, the “Nicaraguan Investment Conditionality Act of 2017”. H. Res. 128, H. Res. 259, H. Res. 311, H. Res. 357, H. Res. 359, H.R. 1918, and H.R. 2061 were ordered reported, as amended. H. Res. 449 and H.R. 2408 were ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a markup on H. Res. 422, urging adherence to the “one country, two systems” policy as prescribed in the Joint Declaration between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and the Government of the People’s Republic of China on the Question of Hong Kong; H. Res. 445, honoring the life and legacy of Liu Xiaobo for his steadfast commitment to the protection of human rights, political freedoms, free markets, democratic elections, government accountability, and peaceful change in the People’s Republic of China; H.R. 2732, the “North Korea Travel Control Act”; and H.R. 3320, to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to regain observer status for Taiwan in the World Health Organization, and for other purposes. H. Res. 422 and H.R. 3320 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. H. Res. 445 and H.R. 2732 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

U.S. INTERESTS IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC: FY 2018 BUDGET HEARING

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “U.S. Interests in the Asia-Pacific: FY 2018 Budget Hearing”. Testimony was heard from Susan Thornton, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and Gloria Steele, Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia, U.S. Agency for International Development.

EMPLOYEE MISCONDUCT: HOW CAN FEMA IMPROVE THE INTEGRITY OF ITS WORKFORCE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency held a hearing